

EVOLUTION OF THE

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	YEARS OF	SUBMERGED				
	SERVICE	SPEED	LENGTH	DEPTH	NOTABLE	CREW
TURTLE *	1775- 1776	2-3 KNOTS (3-3.5MPH)	8 FT	6 FT	RESEMBLED TWO TURTLE SHELLS; WORLD'S FIRST COMBAT SUB	
H.L. HUNLEY *	1863- 1864	4 KNOTS (4.6 MPH)	39.5 FT	4-5 FT	THE CONFEDERATE NAVY; FIRST TO SINK ENEMY IN COMBAT	8
USS HOLLAND (SS 1) *	1900- 1905	5 KNOTS (5.8 MPH)	10 2 53 FT	1 0 0 FT	U.S. NAVY'S FIRST COMMISSIONED SUB	6
SCLASS	1920- 1945	11 KNOTS (12.7 MPH)	-01-02-08-0+ 05 0+ 08 -10-20-30 40-30	200 FT	KNOWN AS "SUGAR BOATS," FIRST CLASS BUILT FROM U.S. NAVY DESIGNS	38
BALAD CLASS	1943- 1975	8.75 KNOTS (10 MPH)	-0r -0z -0ε -0৮ 0s 0+ 0ε 0z 0r10 -20 -30 -40 50 40 -30 -20 - 10	400 FT	"BACKBONE" OF THE SUB SERVICE IN THE PACIFIC DURING WORLD WAR II	66
USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571)	1954- 1980	25 KNOTS (28.8 MPH)	10 20 30 40 50 40 30 20 10 mm	700 FT	WORLD'S FIRST NUCLEAR-POWERED SUB; FIRST SUB TO COMPLETE SUBMERGED TRANSIT OF NORTH POLE	105
GEORGE WASHINGTON CLASS	1959- 1985	22 KNOTS (25.3 MPH)	-01 -02 -05 -05 05 05 06 08 0710 -20 -30 -40 50 40 -30 -20 - 10	700 FT	WORLD ^I S FIRST BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBS	112
Los Angeles Class	1976- PRESENT	20+ KNOTS (23+ MPH)	362 FT	800+ FT	HAS BEEN THE "BACKBONE" OF THE FAST ATTACK SUB FLEET FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS	129
OHIO CLASS	1981- PRESENT	20+ KNOTS (23+ MPH)	-01 -02 -05 -0+ 05 0+ 05 07- 0701 -02 -05 -0+ 05 04- 05 -010 -20 -30 -40 -50 -40 -30 -20	800+ FT	U.S. NAVY'S LARGEST SUB	155
VIRGINIA CLASS (SSN 774)	2004- PRESENT	20+ KNOTS (23+ MPH)	-01 -02 -06 -05 -05 -05 -05 -07 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -02 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -01 -02 -01 -01 -01 -02 -01 -01 -01 -02 -01 -01 -01 -01 -01 -01 -01 -02 -01 -01 -01 -01 -01 -01 -01 -01 -01 -01	800+ FT	EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN SERVICE BEYOND 2060	132

^{*} Indicates illustration is not drawn to scale with other submarines contained in infographic. Sources: Naval History and Heritage Command "Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships"; www.history.navy.mil; U.S. Navy Department Library; Submarine Force Museum (www.submarinemuseum.org). Graphics: James Caiella, Annalisa Underwood, Heather Brown of Naval History and Heritage Command.